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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CITRUS WAX PROBLEM

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY INFORMED STR THIS MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING RE THE CITRUS WAX ISSUE:

A. ON JANUARY 20, THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DECIDED THAT POLYPALE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A "NATURALLY DERIVED PRODUCT" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FOOD SANITATION ACT. POLYPALE AND NATURALLY DERIVED PRODUCTS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE NEWLY-INSTITUTED REPORTING OBLIGATION.

B. ACCORDINGLY, TOKYO CONSIDERS THAT THE IMPORTATION OF U.S. CITRUS INTO JAPAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY - EVEN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE FOOD SANITATION ACT. TOKYO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE U.S. CITRUS INDUSTRY WILL BE ABLE TO CONVERT TO POLYPALE WAX IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS TIME.

C. JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE COMMUNICATING THE ABOVE

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TWO POINTS TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE IMPORTERS SO THAT THEY

WILL NOT CANCEL CITRUS CONTRACTS.

D. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE THAT NO FURTHER PUBLICIZING OF THIS MATTER TAKE PLACE. THIS POINT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. CITRUS INDUSTRY BY USG OFFICIALS. (INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INDICATED THAT THE POLYPALÉ RESOLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM).

2. PLEASE CONVEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS OF RECEIPT OF PRECEDING, AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR COOPERATION. WE ARE EVEN MORE APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE ON THIS DELICATE ISSUE, AND HOPE THAT FUTURE ISSUES MAY LIKEWISE BE RESOLVED IN A REASONABLE AND FORTHRIGHT MANNER. SISCO

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